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Applicants	:	Alfred E. Keller	
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Examiner	:	Wayne C. Langel	Atty. Dkt. No.: 1856-09301

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Date: July 16, 2004

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 Commissioner for Patents
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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 16, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 16, 2004, Applicants submit the three (3) enclosed Terminal Disclaimers. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the submission of these Terminal Disclaimers. This is believed to be a full and complete response to each and every ground of rejection and objection raised in the Office Action. If Applicants have incompletely addressed any item, an opportunity to supplement this Response is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be helpful in advancing prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative. Should any fees have been inadvertently omitted, or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Deposit Account Number 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas, and consider this a petition for any necessary extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,


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2. The undersigned is an attorney/agent of record.

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